

REMARKS

Claims 9-16 remain in the application with claims 1-8 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

The cancellation of claims 1-8 renders moot the rejections thereof under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103.

Notice is respectfully taken of the allowance of claims 9-16.

Therefore, by reason of the cancellation of the rejected claims 1-8, it is respectfully submitted that only allowed claims remain in this application.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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